

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, Vigo County Annex

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aaron Loudermilk called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Calling of the roll

Present: R. Todd Thacker, Vicki Weger, Marie Theisz, Travis Norris, Brenda Wilson, David Thompson, Aaron Loudermilk.

President Loudermilk called for a moment of silence and reflection on the passing of Don Pruett, Harrison Township Assessor.

Correcting of the journal of the preceding meeting if needed

November 2, 2021 Sunshine Meeting

November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

January 4, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 2, 2021 Sunshine Meeting. Vicki Weger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sunshine Meeting. Todd Thacker seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting. David Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting. Travis Norris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the January 4, 2022 reorganizational meeting. Travis Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the reorganizational meeting. Brenda Wilson seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Public Comments

Kevin Southwood of North Terre Haute talked about an idea he had for a 5-year plan concerning North Terre Haute. He suggested that if homeowners in North Terre Haute made any type of structural improvements to their home, that those added structures would not be taxed for a period of five years. Such would provide a big incentive for homeowners to make improvements and invest in their neighborhoods. Comments and discussion took place.

Communications from elected officials, other officials or agencies of the County

Tim Cunningham, Veterans Service Officer, advised that with the opening of the local VA Clinic, he was now operating out of two office spaces with just himself and one part-time office staff. He plans to bring this matter to the Council next month but wanted to

give them some information before the next meeting. He would like to propose that his current part-time employee be changed to a Veterans Service Officer (“VSO”) and changed to full time status and add one additional VSO to work at the VA Clinic and perform needed functions there. This will free him up to be able to devote more time assisting veterans out of both office locations and the outreach program. Since he has been in this position, he has helped approximately 1,000 veterans through his office. Councilwoman Theisz requested that he provide any numbers served or any data that he might have when preparing the request for next month in order to help the Council reach an informed decision.

Travis Norris gave an update on the status of the Pimento School building fire that took place earlier in the week. IDEM has already been out and inspected it and demolition has started. The money for this was taken care of through the Commissioners’ funding. He thought the property was to be donated back to the County.

Marie Theisz gave an update on the status of creation of a scoring system/procedures for tax abatements for the County. She has been working closely with Council Administrator Kylissa Miller, City Council member Martha Crossen, and Steve Witt of Economic Development. She will be providing the documents to the Council attorney for review. She would like to put it on the agenda for March for review. She requested that if any of the other Council members had any input/feedback to please get it to her as soon as possible in order to have everything ready for review and possible implementation at the March meeting.

Ms. Theisz then publicly thanked the County Highway employees for all their hard work and efforts during the recent weather event. They did an amazing job.

Councilwoman Brenda Wilson asked the County Commissioners that were present at the meeting if they could give an update on the status of the bathroom construction that was to be built at Ivy Tech at the trailhead for the County. Commissioner Mike Morris said he had not followed up on that but he would look into it.

Commissioner Chris Switzer added some comments following up on Councilman Norris’ update regarding the demolition at the Pimento School building. He noted that the additional monies given to Building Inspection during the budget process last year helped facilitate this and make it happen. Building Inspector Terry Bays has been working tirelessly with IDEM, with the State Fire Inspector, and cadaver dogs to make sure the entire process was accomplished properly and promptly.

Mr. Switzer then talked about the impact grant he had suggested back in January. He had been in conversations with Cheryl Loudermilk and Kylissa Miller about this. No decision had yet been made on where to pull the money from if it was decided to proceed with this grant. He, personally, felt it should come from the general fund because if ARP money was used, there is a lot of follow-up and record keeping for those funds. It would simplify matters for both the County and the recipients if general fund money was used. He was trying to gauge if the Council still had any interest in working with the

Commissioners to accomplish this so that some candidates could come in and make a presentation for consideration, and decisions could be made on the amount of the award, the date it would be presented, etc. If there is interest, he will keep moving forward but he is just trying to determine how to proceed. There was a brief discussion.

Councilwoman Vicki Weger asked the Commissioners if they had any information with regard to the plans recently announced regarding the relocation, etc. of the new casino. Commissioner Switzer noted that they had been in contact with Churchill Downs. Among other things, it is the Commissioners' understanding that Churchill Downs has promised to work with, not against, the new Convention Center.

Reports from committee(s)

There were none

Resolutions and Ordinances other than appropriations.

i. Resolution 2022-02; ROC 2022-02: New Goshen Fire Protection District

This matter was discussed at the Sunshine Meeting in depth. The question had been raised at the Sunshine Meeting as to what was going to be done with the tanker being replaced and, after checking this past week, Carol Holbert stated that it was going to be sold. They already had a fire department interested in purchasing it. She did note that the tanker would stay in service until delivery of the new tanker. Upon determination that there were no further questions or comments from Council, Brenda Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Todd Thacker seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

i. Additional Appropriation 2022-01; ROC 2022-01: Vigo County Health Department

This matter was discussed at the Sunshine Meeting in depth. Upon determination that there were no further questions or comments from Council, Vicki Weger made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation 2022-01. Todd Thacker seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote of 7-0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Honorary Resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

Appointments

The following appointments were made for 2022:

Outside Appointments:

Alcoholic Beverage Commission – 1 year
Property Tax Assessment Board of

Bill Bryan

Appeals (Democrat) – 1 year
Redevelopment Commission – 1 year
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Carl “Steve” Lynch
Rick Burger
Pat Ralston

Internal Appointments:

E911 Advisory Board – 1 year
Emergency Management Advisory Council – 1 yr
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee
(Council President) – 1 year
Local Emergency Planning Commission – 1 year
West Central Indiana Economic Development
District – 1 year
Building Inspection Advisory Board – 1 year
Vigo County Fair Board 1 year
Wabash River Development and
Beautification – 1 year
Safe Schools Task Force – original appointment
was 1/5/21; normally a 2 year
appointment but only 1 year left
Council Administrator – 1 year
Council Attorney – 1 year

Brenda Wilson
Todd Thacker
Aaron Loudermilk
Vicki Weger
David Thompson
Brenda Wilson
Travis Norris
Marie Theisz
Todd Thacker
Kylissa Miller
Robert Effner

Council Committees:

Annual Budget Committee – 1 year each

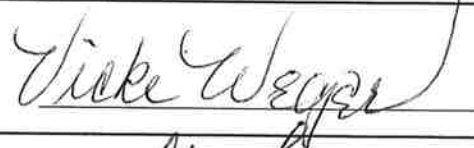


David Thompson, Chair
Brenda Wilson
Marie Theisz

Adjournment

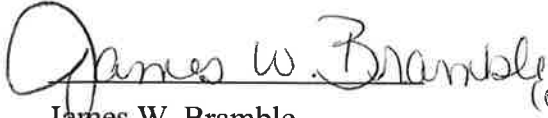
Brenda Wilson made a motion to adjourn. David Thompson seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 8th day of March, 2022.

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Attest:


James W. Bramble (en)
Vigo Auditor

RESOLUTION 2022-002

A Resolution of the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, Determining the Need for New Goshen Fire Protection District to Incur Indebtedness for the Purposes of Purchasing Fire Equipment

WHEREAS, the New Goshen Fire Protection District has requested approval of the Vigo County Council pursuant to I.C. 36-8-11-26 to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment; and

WHEREAS, proper notice was published stating that, on the date hereof, the Vigo County Council would hold a public hearing at which it would receive and hear comments and objections from interested persons with respect to the request of the New Goshen Fire Protection District to incur indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment; and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Vigo County Council held a public hearing at which it received, heard and considered evidence concerning the request of the New Goshen Fire Protection District to incur indebtedness to purchase fire equipment; and

WHEREAS, the New Goshen Fire Protection District has indicated that a need exists to incur a loan/lease in the amount of \$340,000.00 by the Fire Protection District to purchase fire equipment.




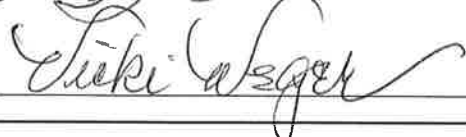


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, as follows:

1. The Vigo County Council, as fiscal body for the New Goshen Fire Protection District, now finds that a need exists for incurring a loan/lease in the amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 for the purchase of fire equipment pursuant to I.C. 36-8-13-6 and I.C. 36-8-11-26.
2. The Vigo County Council hereby approves the request of the New Goshen Fire Protection District to incur a loan/lease in the amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 for the purchase of fire equipment pursuant to I.C. 36-8-13-6 and I.C. 36-8-11-26.
3. That the New Goshen Fire Protection District Board shall adhere to the provisions of I.C. 36-8-13-6 and I.C. 36-8-11-26. Loan/lease repayment may be levied outside the present maximum levy limitations for a period from 1 to 15 years. Repayment will be levied beginning with taxes payable in the year 2023.
4. That said loan is subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance.


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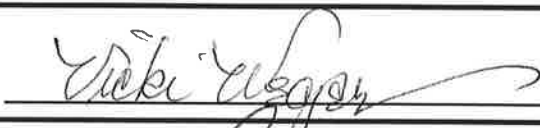


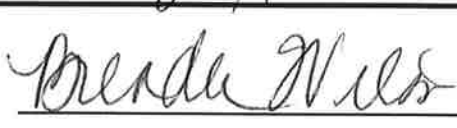


ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2022-1

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget. Now, therefore:

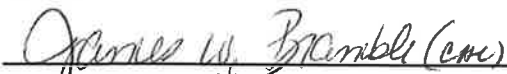
SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Vigo County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the Vigo County Health Department Fund, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same.

	<u>ADVERTISED</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>
<u>Vigo County Health Department Fund/1159</u>		
1159.39990.000.0000 COVID Expenses/CV Relief	\$ 75,900	
Total Vigo County Health Department Fund	\$ 75,900	\$ 75,900

Approved on this 8th day of February, 2022 .

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